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OCG Pres. Bulg. National Front Doctor Ivan Docheff, 57 West 69th Street, New York City,
advised a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)
Δ USA, NY, NY on January 5, 1970, as follows:

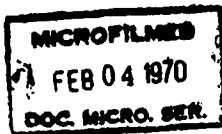
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Many years ago, he believes it was 1948, he met Tihol Tabakoff in Heidelberg, Germany. Tabakoff is in his early fifties and is from Tetreven in the Plovdiv region of Bulgaria. He left Bulgaria about 1942 to study at the University of Heidelberg in Germany. They developed a close association as they had a mutual interest in opposing Communism and specifically the Communist regime of Bulgaria that had come to power after the coup d'etat in September, 1944 in that country. Docheff was also studying at the university for his doctorate in economics.

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About 1951, Docheff met Tabakoff in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. Their subsequent association indicated that Tabakoff was interested in advancing the aims and purposes of the Bulgarian National Front (BNF), a Bulgarian emigre anti-Communist organization of which Docheff is the founder and President.

Tabakoff had been a member of the BNF in Heidelberg and continued his membership after arriving in Canada about four years ago. Tabakoff indicated that though he did not wish to be a member of the BNF, he nevertheless would, through financial aid, promote the interests of the BNF.



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Tihol Tabakoff

About two years ago, Docheff learned that Tabakoff has a brother, first name unknown, whom Docheff understands is the Director of Welfare in the Bulgarian Government in Sofia, Bulgaria. Also, that Tabakoff, about that time, visited Bulgaria, where he stayed for about three months. After his return from Bulgaria, Tabakoff opened a business, The Variety Store on King Street in Hamilton. Tabakoff stocked this store with various exports from Bulgaria, including rugs and variety articles.

A year or so ago, Docheff visited Tabakoff at his home, 112 West Street North, Hamilton, Ontario, to pick up some trunks and luggage that he, Docheff, had stored upon his entry into North America. At the time, Tabakoff brought Docheff to The Variety Store. When Docheff inquired how Tabakoff could have had the financial backing for this business, Tabakoff replied that he had some 'good Communist friends' in Hamilton, who had financed him.

In March, 1969, Tabakoff, without invitation, attended a congress of the BNP, held annually in New York City. During this congress, Tabakoff was interested in knowing if Docheff would enter into a partnership with him in importing Bulgarian products for sale in Canada. Docheff refused to consider such a proposition. Tabakoff was persistent, pointing out that Docheff has spent his life in anti-Communist pursuits at the expense of having little, if any, financial security. Docheff advised Tabakoff that he would not change his mind and that it would be against his principles to engage in a business relationship with the Bulgarians.

About three months ago, Tabakoff called from Canada to Docheff at his office. Tabakoff was interested in knowing if he could get Docheff to change his mind. Docheff advised him that he would not do so. Since that time, Docheff has received numerous telephone calls at his residence and when his wife, who answered these calls, advised he was not at home, the caller would hang up. However, on November 4, 1969, Docheff received a call from an individual who identified himself as First Name Unknown (FNU) Ivanov. Ivanov told Docheff that Tabakoff desired Docheff to call Tabakoff in Canada. Docheff has not done so.

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Docheff is of the opinion that Tabakoff has received financial aid for his business enterprise in Hamilton from the Bulgarian Government, possibly through a Canadian intermediary, and that this operation could be directed by the Bulgarian Intelligence Service (BIS).

Docheff explained that he realizes that in his anti-Communist activities and his direction of the SNF, he is a target of the BIS. He feels that Tabakoff is being utilized by the BIS to seek to develop Docheff's services and that Tabakoff is using the offer of a partnership in his business in Hamilton as a means to do so.

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